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HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

[The editor of the Magazine is indebted to President McCabe for an acquaintance with Mr. Austen Leigh's investigations into the history of Eton. That a number of Virginia boys were at that famous college has not been before known. The following appears in Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* in regard to Lewis Burwell the younger who is referred to below: "Burwell, Lewis, s. Lewis, of Virginia, America, arm. Balliol Coll. matric 30 March, 1765, aged 18." This Lewis Burwell represented Gloucester county in the House of Burgesses and Conventions. The letters copied below were printed in *The Eton College Chronicle*.]

AMERICANS AT ETON IN COLONIAL DAYS.

To the Editor of the Eton College Chronicle:

DEAR SIR,—It may not be generally known that it was a no uncommon practice in the 18th century for Americans to send their sons to England for their education. Some of these boys naturally found their way to Eton, but in the almost complete absence of any records here, the difficulty is to discover their names. A few however can be rescued from various sources, thus the Eton Parish Register records the death of Beverley Randolph, 'scholar from Virginia,' who was buried at Eton, 29 April, 1763. Again the registers of some of the colleges at Cambridge gives us other names. At Caius and at St. John's a carefull register was kept of every student's birth-place and school. Thus we find at St. John's, Paul Trapier from South Carolina, and William Otteley, described as 'from America,' both at Eton under Dr. Barnard: and at Caius College, Louis Burwell, of Virginia, who was seven years at Eton under Drs. Bland and George; Thomas Lynch from South Carolina, at Eton under Dr. Barnard; and William Huger from South Carolina, at Eton under Dr. Foster.

Through the kindness of my friend Colonel McCabe of Richmond, Virginia, I have been supplied with details about all the above names with the exception of Otteley. Colonel McCabe tells me that the information may be absolutely relied on as it has been given him for Randolph and Burwell by Mr. G. W. Stanard, Corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society; and for Lynch, Huger and Trapier, by Mr. A. S. Salley, Junr., Corresponding Secretary of the South Carolina Historical Society,

N. B.—The matter within square brackets is added from the registers in Caius and St. John's College.

Randolph, Beverley, was a son of either Beverley or John, sons of Sir John Randolph, Knt., Speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses.

Burwell, Lewis, son of Nathaniel, was afterwards of Caius College,

Cambridge. He was President of the Council of Virginia and Acting Governor, 1750-51. This Lewis Burwell, of Eton and Caius, was *certainly* the father of the Lewis Burwell of Balliol, Oxford.

Lynch, Thomas, son of Thomas Lynch, Esq., of Prince George's Parish, Winyah, South Carolina; [b. Aug. 5th, 1749; school, Eton 4 years under Mr. Barnard, age 18, admitted fellow Commoner at Caius Coll. Cambridge, May 18th, 1767; admitted at Middle Temple, 1767]; Captain Continental Army, 1775-1776; Member of Congress, 1776-1777; signed the Declaration of Independence; was lost at sea, 1779.

Huger, Francis [*not* William]. son of Daniel Huger, Esq., of Lime-rick plantation, St. John's Parish, Berkeley County, South Carolina; [b. June 19th, 1751; educated 4 years under Mr. Wilton; then at Eton 2 years under Mr. Foster; age 18; admitted Fellow Commoner at Caius Coll. Cambridge, March 26th, 1768]; Captain in Continental Army; d. Aug. 1800.

Trapier, Paul, son of Paul Trapier, gent. of Prince George's Parish, Winyah, South Carolina; [school Eton (Dr. Barnard); admitted Pensioner at St. John's, Cambridge, Mar. 20th, 1766, aet. 18; Student of Inner Temple, Feby. 17, 1767]; m Elizabeth Foissin, 1771; Captain of State Artillery, 1776.

Etonians have taken part in many great events, but it will probably be news to most of us that one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was educated here.

Yours faithfully,

Eton College,
March 22, 1905.

R. A. AUSTEN LEIGH.

DEAR SIR,—I hope this subject is of sufficient interest to warrant another letter. Through the courtesy of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Virginia and Maryland Historical Societies, I am now enabled to supply a further list of Americans who came to Eton in the eighteenth century.

Burwell, James [entered Eton, Sept. 30, 1760] (if a Virginian), of the same family as Lewis Burwell, and was son of Nathaniel Bacon Burwell (*E. C. C.* No. 1086).

Dulany, Daniel [entered Eton, July 10, 1762], son of Hon. Daniel Dulany (the younger) and Rebecca Tasker his wife, was born in Annapolis, Province of Maryland, about 1750 or 1751, and in July 1761 was taken to England by his father to be educated. He lived for many years in Downing Street, London, and at Patcham or Patching, Sussex. Mr. Dulany never returned to America but once after he was taken to England to be educated, and that was in 1785, when he paid a visit to his only brother, Col. Benjamin Tasker Dulany, of Fairfax Co., Virginia, U. S. A. General George Washington in his diary thus writes, "Thursday, Dec. 22, 1785, at Mount Vernon, went a fox-hunting with the gentlemen

who came here yesterday, Daniel Dulany, Jr., Benjamin Dulany, Samuel Hanson, Thos. Hanson, Philip Alexander, together with Ferdinando Washington and a Mr. Shaw." He died in 1824, and was buried, as was also his mother (aet. 98) at the Parish Church of Patcham or Patching. Mr. Dulany's father, the Hon. Daniel Dulany (the younger), was one of the ablest lawyers in the Province of Maryland, and being a loyalist had his large estate in Maryland confiscated in 1781, and this was one of the reasons why his eldest son, Daniel Dulany (3rd) chose England as his home instead of returning to live in America.

Fitzhugh, George Lee Mason [entered Eton, May 22, 1758], son of Colonel William Fitzhugh of Rousby Hall, Calvert County, Maryland, who was a native of Virginia. G. L. M. F. was born in Stafford County, Virginia, Aug. 18, 1748, and died 1836.

Grymes, Philip and John [entered Eton, Sept. 19, 1760], sons of Hon. Philip Grymes, Esq., of Brandon, Middlesex Co., Virginia, Receiver-General of the Colony and Member of the Council. They had an elder brother John, who died June 20, 1740, in London, and was buried in the Temple yard.

- (1) *Grymes*, Philip Ludwell, was a member of the Colonial and State Legislatures, and in 1803 was appointed to the Virginia Council of State. He was of Brandon, and died May 18, 1805.
- (2) *Grymes*, John Randolph; b. about 1746; d. about 1820. Took the Loyalist side, and joined Lord Dunmore, the last English Governor of Virginia, who was making an attempt to regain his place by force. Lord Dunmore was much elated at the accession of Grymes, and wrote to Lord George Germaine that he was a great acquisition, was of the first family in Virginia, a gentleman of fortune, amiable character, strict honour, brave, active and able. Grymes is said to have served with credit as a major in the Queen's Rangers under Simcoe till 1778, when he resigned and went to England, where he married and lived for a number of years. He was an officer in the corps of American Loyalists raised when it was expected that Napoleon would invade England.

Lee, Philip Thomas [at Eton from 1753 to 1756, and afterwards at Christ's College, Cambridge], the second son of Richard Lee and Grace Ashton his wife, died Nov. 28th, 1788, at Blenheim, his father's seat on the Potomac. He married a Miss Russell, of England. He was of the same family as General R. E. Lee.

Randolph, William, probably a brother of Beverley R., see *E. C. C.* No. 1086 [they both entered Eton, June 28, 1762].

Spotswood, Alexander and John [both entered, Eton, Jan. 8, 1760], sons of John Spotswood of Newport, Spotsylvania Co., Virginia, and grandsons of Major-Gen. Alexander Spotswood, Governor of Virginia. The last-named served under Marlborough and was wounded at Blenheim. These boys were at Eton from 1760-64. Alexander became a

brigadier-general, and John a captain in the American army during the Revolution.

Tilghman, Richard [entered Eton, July 10, 1762] (b. Dec. 17th, 1746, d. Nov. 24th, 1796), son of James and Anna Tilghman, was educated in England, returned home and studied law under Daniel Dulany. At the solicitation of his relative, Sir Philip Frances, the reputed author of the letters of Junius, he went to Bengal, India, *via* England. In respect to his political sentiments and proclivities he was permitted to depart in June 1776, in company with Gov. Robert Eden, in the British sloop-of-war "Fowey," Captain Montague. He died on the second voyage from India.

Wormeley, Ralph [entered Eton, Sept. 12, 1757], son of Ralph Wormeley of Rosegill, Middlesex Co., Virginia. He inherited and lived on that estate. He was born in 1744 and died Jan. 19, 1806. In a letter which has been preserved Mr. Wormeley speaks of Robert Darcy Hilliard of Winestead as his contemporary at Eton, and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. His portrait in cap and gown is preserved, and also another portrait in a group of four, either at Eton or Cambridge. He was appointed in 1771 a member of the Colonial Council, and his loyal sympathies were so strongly shown at the beginning of the American Revolution that he was confined for a year or two to one of his father's estates, and compelled to give heavy bond. After the Revolution he lived quietly at Rosegill and was noted as a book-collector. His great-grandfather, Ralph Wormeley, Esq., also of Rosegill, and Secretary of State of Virginia, was one of the first natives of the colony at Oxford. He entered Oriel College, July 14, 1665.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. AUSTEN LEIGH.

Eton College, July 18, 1905.

NOTES FROM THE RECORDS OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

At a Ct. held May 21, 1728

A Commission from Hon. Wm. Gooch, Lt. Gov. & Commander-in-chief, to Thos. Randolph, John Fleming, Wm. Mayo, John Woodson, Daniel Stoner, Renee Laforee, Tarlton Fleming, Allen Howard & Edw'd Scot, gent. to be justices of the peace & Tarlton Fleming & Allen Howard gent. administered the oaths.

Henry Wood produces a commission from Hon. John Carter, Esq. Sec'y of this Colony to be Clerk of this County.

Daniel Stoner, gent. produces a commission from Wm. Gooch, Esq., to be Sheriff of this County.

Wm. Mayo, gent. produces a commission from Hon. Peter Beverley, Esq. Surveyor General of this Colony to be surveyor of this County.

On motion of Daniel Stoner, gent. sheriff, his protest against the

county for all damages that shall happen unto him for want of a prison, is entered.

JUNE 18, 1728.

Thos. Prosser presented a commission as deputy attorney for this County.

SEPT. 18, 1728.

Levy : 1132 tithables @ 26 lbs [tobacco] per poll. Richard Randolph and John Bolling, Jr., paid for services as burgesses.

MAY 20, 1729.

Was read a new commission of the peace adding George Paine, William Cabbell and James Holman, gent. to the Court.

MAY 20, 1729—Daniel Stoner produced commission as sheriff.

OCT. 1, 1729,

Levy : 1165 tithables @ 29 lbs. per poll.

OCT. 21, 1729.

Thos. Prosser, deputy King's attorney, allowed 1000 lbs. tobacco annually for his services.

JAN. 19, 1729.

Negro tried for felony (housebreaking) and acquitted, but as some of the stolen goods were found in his possession and he not accounting for them was ordered to receive 39 lashes.

JAN. 9, 1739.

Stephen Hughes, a Quaker, made affirmation.

JULY 18, 1730.

[CONTEMPT OF COURT.]

John Fleming, Wm. Mayo, Allen Howard, George Payne, and William Cabbell, justices, present.

"Thomas Prosser, attorney for Luke Wiles *vs.* Stephen Hughes, asking several questions of the Defendant before any witnesses were sworn in the Cause, and being told by the Court that he ought not to proceed in that manner, but that he ought to suffer the witnesses first to be sworn, and then to ask leave of such questions as he proposed might be asked them, and thereupon the said Thomas Prosser saying that if he could not be suffered to speak for his Client he should think injustice done his Client and that he would ask what questions he pleased in behalf of his Client, it is the opinion of the Court the said Thomas Prosser enter into bond with good and sufficient Security for his good behaviour, which he refusing to give, it is ordered that the Sheriff take into his custody the said Thomas Prosser and him safely keep in the goal of this County, untill he enter into bond with good and sufficient Security in the sum of fifty pounds Current money conditional for his good behaviour for one year and a day.

Upon Thomas Prosser's being committed to prison pursuant to the former order, the Jury who were sworn in the Cause between Luke Wiles Plt. and Stephen Hughes, Defend't, proceedings to try the same, are informed by the Clerk that after he had rec'd the declaration at the request of Thomas Prosser aforesaid he delivered it to him, and thereupon the Sherif being sent the Goal to demand of him the said declaration, and his answer to the sherif being that if he had it he would keep it, the Clerk is thereupon ordered to go to the Goal and demand of him the said declaration, and upon the return of the Clerk, he reports to the Court that the said Thomas Prosser's answer to him was that he was a prisoner and would not unbundle his papers to look for any declaration, and thereupon the Sherif is ordered to bring the said Thomas Prosser into Court, who upon his appearance and his being asked to deliver to the Clerk the said declaration, [said] that he did not know if he had it or not and would not trouble himself to look for it, but that he was a prisoner and would answer everything he should do as such and that he would justifie his whole behaviour so long as he was worth a penny, upon Consideration of the premises he is guilty of a breach of his behaviour and it is thereupon ordered that he be fined to our Sovereign Lord the King in the Sum of five pounds sterling money and that the sherif keep him in the Goal of this County untill he pay the said fine with costs.

Thomas Prosser being together with his papers ordered to be brought into Court that the declaration mentioned in the former order may be searched for, the Sherif makes return that he defends himself in the Goal with his naked sword, and refuses to come before the Court or to suffer his papers to be brought into Court, whereupon it is ordered that the Sherif summon a sufficient Guard to keep him in the Goal without victuals or drink until he deliver up his sword and such other offensive weapons as shall be found on him, and also his papers that search may be made for the said declaration and if the said declaration is not found that the Sherif shall keep him in irons until the next Court.

SEPT. 15, 1730,

Prosser was released on giving bond for good behaviour, and was refused an appeal

MAY 17, 1730,

Was published a proclamation from Governor Gooch for preventing the unlawful meetings and combinations of negro and other slaves.

Also one for proroguing the General Assembly.

[PAYMENTS FOR PRINTED LAWS.]

"On Mr. William Parks's letter to the Court it is ordered that there be levied for him eight hundred pounds of tobacco cask and conveniences at the next levy for which the said Parks is to furnish twelve

copys of the laws of the last Session of the Assembly for the use of the Justices." [This entry is under date May 17, 1730.]

GREAT STORM AT NORFOLK, 1785.

Baltimore, August 30, 1785.

We are just informed from Norfolk, in Virginia, that on Saturday, August 14th, they had there a dreadful Gust of Thunder, Hail, Wind and Rain. The Wind was so strong as to blow several Vessels from their moorings ashore; happily none were lost. Three small vessels were overset, and it was with difficulty that the people were saved. Several Chimnies were blown down, and the Roof and Gable End of a large Brick House belonging to Captain Archer, blown off. The Hail was so violent as to break numbers of Windows, and some of the Stones measured Two and a Half Inches in circumference.

(*From the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser.*)

FRESHET IN JAMES RIVER, 1786.

Richmond, June 8, 1786.

From the quantity of water which has fallen within this fortnight passed caused one of the highest freshes that has been known for these 14 years, which has done considerable damage to all the crops upon the low grounds lying upon this river for many miles down it.

(*From the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser.*)

TOWN OFFICERS OF PETERSBURG, 1786.

Petersburg, September 14, 1786.

On Thursday last were elected out of the twelve Gentlemen chosen the day before, by the freeholders and inhabitants of this town, to compose the Corporation thereof, Dr. John Shore, Mayor; Robert Bolling, Esq., Recorder, and Thomas G. Peachy, Samuel Davies, Christopher McConnico, and Alexander McNabb, Esquires, Aldermen.

(*From the Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer.*)

ST. JOHN'S DAY, RICHMOND, 1791.

Richmond, Dec. 23, 1791.

On Tuesday next being the Anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the two Lodges, Nos. 10 and 19, intend to unite upon this occasion at the Masonic Hall—From thence * * [part missing] will be performed, and a charity sermon preached by the Rev. John Buchanan, and a Collection made for the benefit of the poor of this metropolis.—A band of instrumental music is to be provided to accompany the Richmond Choir, who will sing several Anthems in parts.

(*From the Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser.*)